

May 17, 2021

A REGULAR MEETING of the Akron Village Board was held on this date at 7:02 p.m.
Present: Mayor Carl E. Patterson; Trustees E. Peter Forrestel, Michael R. Middaugh, and Brian T. Perry; Attorney Andrew Borden, Clerk Jayne DeTine, and Treasurer Sarah Michel.

The Mayor led us in the pledge to the flag.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Perry that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 3 and Special Meeting of May 5, 2021 be and hereby are approved by the Village Board.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Perry that the audit of the bills is approved, and the Treasurer authorized to pay same in accordance with the following abstract of audit vouchers:

General Fund	\$	22,237.54
Electric Fund	\$	92,967.10
Water Fund	\$	2,503.13
Sewer Fund	\$	3,035.33
Capital Projects	\$	287,442.37

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE

Trustee Darrin Folger entered the meeting at 7:05 pm.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Perry and seconded by Forrestel that the following building permits be and hereby are approved with the application and approval of the Code Enforcement Officer:

Joseph Sheehan	6 Crescent Dr	Pole Barn	\$1,260.00
Mark Conschafter	6485 Hake Rd	Driveway	\$150.00
Brian Gates	53 Buell St	Fence	\$50.00
Michael Knop	56 Jackson St	Railings on Patio	\$50.00
Charles Carter	6 Marshall Ave	Roof	\$50.00
Vivian Stempniak	21 Marshall Ave	Remodel	\$75.00

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Middaugh that the following applications for a Dumpster Permit be and hereby are approved in accordance with the application filed and payment of permit fee:

Vivian Stempniak	21 Marshall Ave	Temporary	\$50.00
Mary Ann Rosenberg	36 Randy Dr	Temporary	\$50.00

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE

MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

PUBLIC HEARING –None

APPEARANCES: None

PUBLIC COMMENT – Resident John Herberger came before the Village Board to speak against the New York State Governor legalizing marijuana. He has had family tragedies as a result of marijuana and strongly opposes this new legislation.

Jacob Halleck from the Akron Chamber of Commerce came before the Board to inform them of the correct date for the Annual Sidewalk Sale – June 19, 2021 from 9 am – 4 pm. He also mentioned that the Erie County Vaccine Bus may be present during the sidewalk sale.

PROJECT REPORTS –

CDBG Main Street ADA Sidewalk Aprons/Crosswalks – nothing new.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade – continuing with Phase II.

MONTHLY REPORTS –

TREASURER – reported: Submitted April reports. Treasurer Michel notified the Board that our Aim Funding was received today in full of \$24,943.00. She also suggested to the Board to approve recalling the JF Bond and Rural Development Loan through Municipal Solutions to refund and replace loans at a lower rate. Trustee Forrestel stated it was a great idea due to the savings per year and recommended the suggestion on behalf of the Finance Committee.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Perry to approve the recalling of the JF Bond and Rural Development Loan through Municipal Solutions to refund and replace loans at a lower rate be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

Elected Officials –

TRUSTEE – COORDINATORS

Trustee Perry – reported: last week met with Tom Carpenter and Andrew Kosa from Clark Patterson Lee, as well as Public Works Manager Jon Cummings, to discuss East Avenue engineering of water and sewer lines. CPL will prepare a Work Study Scope for the project for approximately \$2,000 after which a discussion will be held regarding the actual engineering study. Trustee Perry spoke with Troy Schinzel, Erie County Commissioner of Parks, regarding the several requests he has had to resurrect the Rock garden in Akron Falls Park, a meeting is set for early June with all parties. Mr. Schinzel also mentioned that he will try to fix the culverts in the Park this year if funding is available.

Trustee Middaugh – reported: Police, Fire, and Emergency Services Committee met last week with Akron Fire Company where the draft contract was presented to them, still looking to tweak some language in the contract before the Committee sends it over for AFC’s final approval. Lastly, requested an Executive Session regarding Personnel.

Mayor Patterson – reported: HR Committee has a meeting with the Union Representative this Wednesday at 2 pm; follow-up on vandalism in Russell Park, may consider putting up better security cameras in and around the park; Public Information Meeting scheduled for June 7, 2021 at 7 pm regarding the possibility of a splash pad in the Village.

Trustee Forrestel – reported: nothing new to report.

Trustee Folger – reported: attended the Police, Fire, and Emergency Services Committee meeting with the Akron Fire Company along with Trustee Middaugh; Celebration Committee met at the same time, so he is not sure of the outcome other than some logistics for the 4th of July activities.

OLD BUSINESS

Clinton Street/Eckerson Avenue/43 East Avenue Village Land – Attorney Borden stated that the Rotary is still working on the Depot Design but would like one end of the Depot to be closed which would house the bathrooms. Many helping with the design.

Splash Pad – The Board scheduled a Public Information meeting for June 7, 2021 at 7pm. Attorney Borden notified the Board that according to New York State, the Village’s proposed Splash Pad would not need bathroom availability, but if bathrooms are available the State would use that location as best practice.

Cedar Street – Electrical/Trees/Sidewalks – nothing new.

Jackson Street Sidewalks – nothing new.

Appointment of Firematic Officers for 2021 – nothing new.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION duly moved by Folger and seconded by Middaugh to move Part-time Police Officer, Jonathan Wolcott from Grade 3 Hire Rate to Grade 3 Step 1 effective immediately as per the recommendation of Chief of Police Richard Lauricella be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Perry to authorize the Village of Akron to relevy all allowable unpaid water/sewer and refuse bills as of Monday May 21, 2021 onto the 2021-2022 Village taxes be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Middaugh to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2021-2022 Village Tax Warrant be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Middaugh to approve the expenditure for the boiler/boiler control panel replacement at the Village Hall not to exceed \$65,000 be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

CORRESPONDENCE –

Amherst Fire Control Report for April 2021.

Letter from Charter Communications regarding broadcast changes dated May 4 and May 12, 2021.

Email from Village Resident's Joe and Cindy Tretter regarding the Splash Pad location.

Correspondence from Girl Scouts, Ava Fox, Sammy Niescier, and Lilly Sokolofsky asking the Board to approve their Silver Award project of building 3-4 72" deluxe picnic tables and donate them to Village for placement in Russell Park.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Perry to approve the Girl Scout Silver Award Project of Ava Fox, Sammy Niescier, and Lilly Sokolofsky to build and donate 3-4 picnic tables to be placed in Russell Park be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

Request from Akron First United Methodist Church to hold a movie night in Russell Park on Thursdays after the Cruise Nights beginning July 1 – August 26, 2021 using an inflatable, self-standing screen. Movies would be rated G and PG only.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Perry and seconded by Folger to allow the Akron First United Methodist Church to hold G and PG rated movie night using an inflatable, self-standing screen by the Gazebo in Russell Park every Thursday night after the scheduled Cruise Nights provided, they leave the Park clean of any debris from the event.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Resident and Retired Village Attorney, Don Shonn, asked if the DPW would be re-painting the crosswalks in the Village and mentioned the crosswalk on Buell by the bike path, questioned if a flashing light will be installed like the one located on Cummings Road in the Town of Newstead.

Jacob from Akron Chamber of Commerce stated that Councilman Dr. Burke mentioned to him that the Town of Newstead did approve allowing the Fire Works in Veterans Park.

Trustee Forrestel was excused from the meeting to attend a Town of Newstead meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Perry to go into an executive session regarding personnel matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation at 7:40 pm be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

Trustee Forrestel re-entered the meeting at 8:00 pm.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel and seconded by Perry to come out of the executive session regarding personnel matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation at 8:17 pm be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	BRIAN T. PERRY	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

On motion of Middaugh and seconded by Perry at 8:18 pm this meeting was ADJOURNED.

MAYOR

CLERK